

EDGAR SNOWDEN.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 12, 1878

The Senate was not in session to-day. The House of Representatives, in Committee of the Whole, had under consideration the bill to reimburse the College of William and Mary for the destruction of the college buildings during the war. The bill appropriates \$65,000.

It is now said that Gen. Field, the new democratic doorkeeper was a great admirer of Gen. Grant, and tried to obtain a position for his son at West Point under the Grant administration, and that since the administration of Mr. Hayes be has tried to get for himself a consulate, and did get employment under the District Commissioners. If orthodoxy be a requisite for the doorkeepership, and if these statements be true, the democrats, in Congressional parlance, certainly "slipped up" when they elected the General, but, orthodox or not, he will make a good officer, and all but those whose opposition to him was interested are gratified at his success. As the radicals, to a man, voted against him, it is but natural to suppose that if he had wandered from the democratic fold he had gotten back into it pretty well :t the time he was elected.

It would seem that the Lewis family is the favored one in Virginia for government offices. Ex.U. S. Senator John F. Lewis, as stated yesterday, has now been appointed marshal of the western district of the State, vice Col. Gray, who was compelled by stress of unfortunate circumstances to get out of the way. The newly appointed marshal has almost as relations in office as Gon. Grant had during his administration, but as he is a moderate man in his politics, and was always opposed to carpetbagism, we are glad he was selected from the list of applicants, especially as the President has announced that none but republicans are to have offices.

It used to be said, with what degree of truth we do not know, that Mr. Key was Postmaster General of the South, and Mr. Typer of the North. True or not in the past, that condition of affairs does not exist now, for Mr. Typer has gone to the Paris exposition, and so Mr. Kye is in possession of the entire office, and in the exercise of its privileges has taken a little pleasure trip to Cuba.

### Vírginia News.

The Clarke Courier says:-Last Saturday Wm. H. Young, austioneer, sold the following tracts of land belonging to F. B. Meade, and situated in Chapel district :- Fract No. 1. containing 117 acres, to Mrs. M. Whiting at \$17.30 per acre; tract No. 2, containing 22 acres, to same at same price per acre; tract No. 3. containing 20 acres, to P. C. Meade at \$17.30 per acre; tract No. 4, containing 8 acres, to Capt. W. N. Nelson at \$25 per sere.

S. N. Doutney, the temperance apostle, lectured at the theatre, in Richmond, Toursday night, to an immense audience. One haudred and sixteen persons signed the pledge, a large number of whom were ladies. Mr. Doutney, during his five days stay in Richmond, has obtained the pladges of about 400 persons to the cause he advocates.

A man named Ephriam Woods was lately detected in thieving in Augusta county, and question of peace or war. was strung up by lynchers, but, clinging to a west immediately.

year in the city of Lynchburg, commencing on | was disposed to make important concessions. the 15th of May.

An old gold mine has been rediscovered on North Anna Fork, near the line of Spotsylvania and Louisa counties.

Mr. Samuel Goode has been appointed manager of the Rawley Springs for the coming

B. L. Talliaferro, of the firm of Taliaferros & Buckner, of Lynchburg, died last Tuesday.

General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The General Conference of the Methodist

Episcopal Church South meets in Atlanta, Ga., the third week in May, and collections are being taken up in the churches of the Baltimore Conference to defray the expenses of the delegates. Eight clerical and eight lay delegates will represent the Baltimore Conference, their names being as follows :-

Clerical-Rev. S. Regester, D. D., presiding elder of the Washington district; Rev. R. H. Wilson, D. D., Winchester district; John S. Martin, D. D., Staunton; Rev S. Rodgers, D. D., presiding elder of the Baltimore district; R. R. S. Hough, D. D., presiding elder of the Rosnoke district; Rev. S. S. Roszell, superenumerary, St. Paul's, Baltimore; Rev. P. H. Whisner, Central Church, Baltimore; alternates, Rev. J. S. Gardner, Rev. Ezra F. Busey and Rev. Wilson Head.

Lay-Moses Walton, J. H. Flaggatt, George Law, T. J. Magruder, Patrick Rammill, E. B. Prettyman, J. M. Newton and J. A. Carter; alternates, Leroy M. Wilson, J. B. Wilson, and

The session of the Conference will continue three weeks, and one of the principal matters which will come before the body is the proposal pastorate. The memorial on the subject, which is numerously signed, urges that a variety of evils result from the old practice of changing pastors every one, two, or three years. Among these are the demoralization of the finances, the lack of a permanent home for the minister and his family, the separation of pastors and young -Balt. News.

## More Forgeries.

[Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.] RICHMOND, April 12.-J. D. Clay, Clerk of tions, is probably a stupid hoax of some Paris the County Court of Halifax county, has been arrested on the charge of forging pension claims against the United States Government. He confessed the crime after detection. The matter has been known for several days by his friends, and efforts at compromise had been made. Clay was a member of the Legislature from Halifax for the session of '76-7.

#### Foreign News.

THE EASTERN QUESTION. News from Cettioj : says that the districts in Albania on the sca coast and the Boyava river occupied by the Montenegrius have been so ravished by war that the inhabitants are stary. ing. The Montenegrins are unable to help them, being scarcely able to feed their own people. An appeal has been made to Austria for

Numerous detachments of Russians have ar rived in the neighborhood of Bucharest and in several communes of the district.

The St. Petersburg's Agence Russe published the following announcement yesterday evening: "An active exchange of communications is pro- recognition. The British government must now ceeding under the moderating influence of Germany, with the view of arriving at a pacific understanding, the natural path to which would be a congress. The improved aspect of affairs has developed so as to justify hope of the treaty of San Stefano. Should the powers find a speedy attainment of a favorable issue if England does not raise fresh obstacles."

A special from Cattaro states that the inhabi tants of Antivari and its whole neighborhood are unanimous in their desire for annexation to Austria instead of Montenegro. A rising of the inhabitants of Spezza is hourly expected. The Montenegrins have occupied the forts as a

The London Central News publishes a tele gram which purports to be a summary of the circular accompanying Prince Gortschakoff's reply to Lord Salisbury, but which rather seems to be a reply to Austria's objections. The telegram says :- "Prince Gortschakoff endeavors to refute Austria's objections point by point, and declares that Russia has fully redeemed her promises to Austria, even at the risk of alienating the sovereigns. He expresses surprise that Austria has not seized the opportunity to check the disorders in Bosnia and Herzegovina, either by annexation or by imposing reforms. Prince Gortschakoff, in conclusion, suggests a settlement on the basis of a congress by separate agreement between the various Courts as to the modifications to be introduced in the Treaty of Paris, and disclaims all responsibility for further complications if the Powers refuse to agree to this course." The authenticity of the foregoing is doubtful.

A correspondent at St. Petersburg says 'Notwithstanding the gloomy views of leading Russian newspapers it is believed in official cir cles that the congress will shortly meet."

The correspondent adds that he has reason | rifice of dignity. to believe this conviction has a money solid foundation. Germany has not abandoned the intention of using per influence in favor of

A dispatch from Berlio says :- "Germany has not only refused Russia's request to guar antee the neutrality of Austria in the event of wor, but is further reported to have declared Kensington, Clapham and Camberwell new that she is prepared to interfere if any attempt | roads. is made to hinder Austria from protecting her

Captain Wellesley has gone to St. Petersburg to present his letters of recall as military attache of the British Legation.

A correspondent at Vienna says :- I learn that an official dispatch has been received from Berlin to the effect that Prince Bismarck, in consequence of news from St. Petersburg, con siders it possible that a preliminary conference of Ambassadors resident there may be held there to day or to morrow.

A special from Vienna says the Porte has asked Austria what would happen if Russia insisted on enforcing the treaty of San Stefano. Austria replied that she would not protect European interests single handed, but would protect her own interests most efficiently.

A dispatch from Berlin says : - "There is active competition between Russia and England in chartering steamers at German ports. Iwo steamers chartered by Russia have left Hamburg with sealed orders.

AV ienna dispatch states that Austria, in the written statement of her views, which was seat to St. Petersburg, not only insisted on the European character of the questions at issue, but distinctly rejected the idea of a separate settlement.

A special, dated Volo, April 9th, says :-'An American ship came here yesterday by order of the United States Minister at Athens in answer to the application of an American citizen. She will go to Salonica to morrow to embark refugees.

A Vicona dispatch says Russia's answer to Austria consisted of verbal confidential assur

The correspondent's informant said that Austria's position was not such as to involve the

The correspondent believes that this collapse sapling he begged so bard for his life that they of all serious opposition on the part of Austria let him down upon condition that he would go is due to an autograph letter from the Czar to the Emperor Francis Joseph, and partly also The annual meeting of the council of the to a remark made by the United States Minis-Episcopal Church of Virginia will be held this | ter to Russia while in Vienna that the Czar

The Greeks demand that the Greek Patriarch shall summon the Russian Government to declare itself on the question of the Granco-Bulgarian schism. Should Russia recognize the Bulgarian Church, the Patriarch would

declare Russia schismatic. LONDON, April 12.- The tone of the comments on the political crisis is much more hopeful from all directions than yesterday. The whole basis for this change seems to be a conviction that Russia is preparing to accept Germany's help to get out of the present deadlock by such concessions as will secure a meeting of the congress. Prince Gortchakoff's reply to Lord Salisbury's circular and the circular to which it was annexed were only published in St. Petersburg on Thursday, which strengthens the belief that the former was telegraphed of Virginia securities to make an exchange of hither on Tuesday night for a special purpose. | the same in registered non taxable bonds bear The circular, when issued here, Tuesday afternoon, had a depressing influence on the Stock Exchange in consequence of the reiteration of ers of \$15,000,000 of "consols" are to fund their the refusal to submit the treaty of San Stefano | honds before the "peclers" can have the beneto the congress. Russian stocks declined over fit of the act. two per cent. To day, however, it is pointed out that, although the circular offers no concession on the point at issue, it is couched in such to him as tax on the great seal of the Comconsiderate and moderate language as to leave the door open for England to make some reply to the invitation for further explanations, and thereby furnish a basis for a common understanding. At Vienna, Prince Gortschakoff's reply created an impression of Russia's willingness to find an acceptable method for reopening negotiations. This moderate spirit is believed to be in a great measure due to the altered tone of the comments of the German, French and Italian press and politicians concerning the that this discovery will unsettle the recent deto abolish all limitations on the term of the treaty of San Stefano, which point to the probability of Russia, instead of England, being

isolated in case of a rupture. The Vienna Cabinet, which still firmly adheres to the idea of the congress as the only possible solution, is, of course, greatly pleased bill was taken up, and after a long debate an at the improved aspect of affairs. The Ger-amendment appropriating \$75,000 for the supconverts, and especially the great and unnecessary number of backsliders. In 1866 this matter was brought before the conference, and received the support of a respectable number of ceived the support of a respectable number of to secure an agreement, but all information the most able men. Old usage, however, has caused the itinerant system to take a deep hold agrees that the German Government continues on the affections of the people, and there is its endeavors to bring about an agreement, little probability that any definite action can be which it is not likely to do after the case is secured until after several years of agitation. hopeless. The improved feeling has therefore substantial justification. The alleged circular of Prince Gortschakoff, a summary of which was printed this morning by the Central News, and which seemed to reply to Austria's objec-

> newspaper. There seems to be some disposition at St. Petersburg to show Roumania more consideration. It is now announced thence that Prince Gortschakoff meant that the stipulation for the passage of Russian troops through Roumania, not the question of the cession of Bessarabia, is willing to have the conduct of both of them at could not be submitted to the Congress. It is Shiloh investigated.

also stated that a Russian commissioner will go to Bucharest to treat with the government concerning the passage of troops. M. Stevicha Milailovitch, the Servian Minister President has resigned in consequence of the vacilisting policy of the Serviso Government. It is said that Anglo Austrian influences are now in the ascendent at Belgrade and that there is a disposition on the part of Servia, Rou mania and Montenegro to make a joint remonstrance to the Powers against the treaty of

ST. PETERSBURG, April 12 -The Journal de St. Petersburg, reviewing the opinious of the foreign press upon Prince Gortschakoff's reply, concluds as follows: "The real desire of Russia to bring about a peaceful solution of the existing difficulties meets with universal abandon its purely negative attitude, either by inviting the powers to assemble for common negotiations, or by proposing solution; which the British Cabinet might wish to substitute for the compromise Russia would willingly participate in a discussion and modify the treaty. Such solution should not however pulify the results gained by Russian blood, but take into account her sacrifices."

The Russian government has employed the ime which has clapsed since the receipt of Lord Salisbury's circular in working to secure an understanding with England. For this purpose it has entered into direct communication with the English and Austrian governments so as to obtain a common basis of agreement. It has already obtained the assent of the German and Austrian Cabinets to the main points of Prince Gortschakoff's reply to Lord Salisbury's circular. It has already been established between the three governments that the way shall be made easy for the English Cabinet, so that it may feel justified in accepting the congress and receding gradually from the more extreme demands put forth in Lord Salisbury's circular. amicable solution be found for existing difficulwhich were a commentary on the English circular were written by Geo. Ignatieff, who, having recently seen Count Andrassy and ascertained his views, was enabled to make it so as not to clash with Austrian interests. Gen. Ignatieff will be the second Russian Plenipotentiary to the Berlin Congress should it meet. The probability now is that it will as everything is prepared for such an understanding as will chapte England to enter it without any sac-

Miscellaneous Foreign News. In consequence of the bursting of a sewer a considerable section of South London is flooded to the depth of two or three feet. Much damage has been done on Brixton, Loughborough,

A rumor is current that the British have sustained a disastrous defeat in South Africa. The Colonial Office is ignorant of such defeat. Detailed advices from Cape Town state that the outbreak of Secococoi, the powerful chief, which was announced in these dispatches on the 7th instant, surprised the Transvaal Government, which was unprepared, and was only able to send one hundred native allies against five hundred Kaffirs, who were surrounding Fort Burghers. The forces of Transvaal and Natal are concentrating to resist an apprehended outbreak of Cetewayo, the Zalu Chief. Sir Bartle Frere, Governor of Cape Colony, is still at King Williamstown. Five thousand men attacked Sandilli, the Chief of the Gaikas, the day the steamer sailed. It was hoped that if they were successful that Sandili and Kreli, Chief of the Galekas, would both surrender .-The whole frontier, however, was very restless, and war feeling was strong abroad. All the Government's prudence and firmness were

needed to prevent a general native war. The famine in the northern provinces of China continues unabated, although liberal subscriptions are made to relieve the distress. The Chinese troops are advancing rapidly against the insurgents in Kashgar. On the 17th of March a fire occurred in Tokio, which destroyed more than 4 000 houses and causing a loss of \$200,000. The burned district is to be rebuilt with stone. An English merchant known to have smuggled opium into Yokobama, which is forbidden by treaty, has been released by the English Consular Court on the quibble that the law meant opium prepared for smoking, and not opium from which smoking articles might be made. The decision has caused much indignation in diplomatic circles, and the case will be appealed to the British Privy Council. The Japanese Government are gratified by the publication of the American Minister's official correspondence for 1877.

General Grant will dine with the King and Queen of Italy on Saturday and leave Rome on Prince Lucien Charles Joseph Francois Na-

poleon Murat is dead. The steamer Childwall Hall, from Liverpool for Bomhay, has been wrecked at Sagres, Portural. Twenty seven persons have been saved as fir as known. She had a crew of forty five

and eight passengers. LONDON, April 12.-The betting now on the Oxford Cambridge boat race which takes place to morrow is 3 to 1 on Oxford.

The Right Rev. George Augustus Schwyn, D. D., Bishop of Lichfield, is dead. At Myersburg, Ontario, last evening, a little girl named Bertha Wymen, fifteen years old. was shot and killed by a school teacher named

Shannon. Shannon was arrested. BONDS AND COUPONS .- Governor Holliday has issued his proclamation inviting all holders ing three per cent. interest for eighteen years and four per cent. for thirty two years. Hold

A vigilant and efficient State officer yester day, in examing a three dollar coupon paid in monwealth, saw that the coupon read: "Raceivable at and after maturity for all taxes, debts and demands due the State." He missed the word dues. It was ascertained at the Second Auditor's office and Treasury that though the funding act said that the coupons should have expressed upon their face "receivable at and after maturity for all taxes, debts, dues, and demands," the word dues had been omitted from the coupons. It is not presumed cision of the Supreme Court in the coupon caso, -Richmond Disnatch.

## Washington Notes.

In the Senate yesterday the general deficiency to employ temposry clerks reported that the committee had agreed upon all except two of the Senate amendments, appropriating \$40,000 for salaries and expenses of collectors of internal revenue, and \$20,000 for railway mail clerks. The Senate insisted on these two amendments, and a new conference was ordered.

In the House the Pension Appropriation bill was amended, increasing the amount for carrying the bill into effect, striking out the sections changing the mode of paying pensions, fixing agents salaries at \$4 000, and allowing fees for vouchers and actual expenses for rent, clerk, hire, etc. An amendment was added requiring that after July next the pension agencies shail

be filled by wounded or disabled Union soldiers. | restored. Col. Worthington is announced to deliver a lecture to-night on Shiloh. Gen. Sherman has paid no attention to his letter asking whether he

Presbytery of Chesapeake.

The session of the Chesapeake Presbytery at the Central Presbyterian Church, Washington, for the purpose of adopting a constitution for the chu;ch, was continued yesterday.

The members of the Presbytery who were present were Rev. Henry Branch and Elder J. B. Shields, clerks, and Revs. William Dinwiddie, of Alexandria; J. A. Scott, Warren ton, Va; J. F. Cannon, Leesburg, Va; A. W. Pitzer, Washington; L. B. Turnbull, Loudoun County. Va , and Elders Charles P. Janney. G. D. Gray, George Wise, Ospar Braden, D. Cronshorn, W. L. Holliday, J. Potterfield, and J. D. Tullis. These members were enter tained by the congregation.

The Post says: The Committee on Narration offered an encouraging report on the spiritual condition of the church in the presbytery. The report of the Committee on the Minutes of Synod was amended by Dr. Pitzer as follows and adopted:

That the Presbytery recommends the following points in the training of ministers: Increasing the length of the sessions at the semi pary to not less than nine and a half months. To arrange the studies so that students can complete the course in twenty four months. That it is the supreme right of the Presbytery to order this whole question according to their own judgment, subject only to the Word of God and the constitution of the Church.

The Committee on Evangelistic Work recom mended the following appointments to vacant churches during the coming year: Rappahannock, Revs. Winn, Strider and Scott; Green wich, Revs. Pitzer and Bullock; Middleburg, Revs. Dinwiddie, Branch and Cannon.

The Committee on the Revised Book of Church Order offered their report. In regard to choosing ministers by the congregation three rules were presented : First, the Broad Church rule, which allows the franchise not only to the communicants, but to those who regularly attend In this way it is hoped that the danger of a and contribute to the church. Second, the useless and bloody war may be averted and an mixed rule, which does not give a direct vote to the non-communicant members, but they ties. Those portions of the Russian reply are allowed to take a separate vote, which will be considered. The third rule, which limits absolutely the franchise to the communicants of the church. The Rev. Mr. Branch thought who cope and delivery of a per cent. premiu 3 1 200 minister more than the subject matter of the to be subscribed immediately and \$0,000,000 sermon. But few church members compared on going home what they heard with what the minister said. The Bereans are few in these days. Besides the voice of a congregation, when they recommended to the Presbytery a candidate for the ministry, was not always needed by the Presbytery. Hence it was not a spiritual function. The non-communicants had a voice in such matter in all the prominent churches

North, which are regarded as the very head centre of Presbyterianism. A vote was taken and the rule limiting the franchise to church members was adopted .-The presbytery accepted the rule which defines "an offence" as that which is "contrary to the word of God in a church member or that which, not of itself sinful, may tempt others to sin." In regard to the rule which provided that when a communicant member shall "confess before the church session an usregencrate heart, and after mature isquiry it is found that this confession does not result from Satanic influence or transient darkness of spirit," his name may be transferred to the con communicant roll. This called forth quite an animated discussion. Dr. Pitzer thought that this was a needed change in the discipline of the Presbyterian Church. There had never been a provision for mistakes and he believed in having a back door to the church well guarded. Others said that when persons entered into such solemn obligations and covenants that the church had no right to free them. It was re-

jected by a vote of 8 to 3. Mr. G. D. Gray offered his resignation as alternate elder to the general assembly. It was accepted and Mr. J. V. A. Shields was elected in his stead. Mr. Shields was also chosen permanent treasurer of the presbytery. The Ray. Mr. Dinwiddie moved that this presbytery concur in the Assembly's educational scheme, and that the churches are hereby directed to send their contributions to this obect to the Assembly's Committee on Education. This resolution was adopted. Dr. Pitzer, from the Committee on Statistics, offered his report. This report shows that there are in the presbytery 15 ministers and 38 elders; 83 communicants added on examination during the past year; whole number of members, 1.015; children in Sabbath school, 722; foreign missions, \$532; sustentation fund, \$180. The presbytery then resumed consideration of the Book of Church Order, sabmitted to the presbyterics for their approval by the General Assembly of 1876. The rule which provides that when a minister becomes satisfied that God has not called him to the ministry, or if he has evidence of his igability to serve acceptably the courch, the presbytery may divest him of his office without censure, was approved without debate. A long discussion arose on the rule which states that when a minister shall habitually fail to discharge his official functions, on icquiring, if the presbytery ascertains that this neglect proceeds from want of acceptance to the church, it may divest him of his office without censure, even against his will. This rule is intended to furnish a remedy for the evil, which is felt widely in the church, he would not deign to reply to anything so in the large and growing numbers of unemploy-

A MUNICIPAL FIGHT.—East St. Louis was yesterday the seene of another of those disgraceful proceedings between political factions which have been indulged in for some days past. For several years there has been great strife and contention between Mayor Bowman and his political friends, and an almost equally strong party opposed to him regarding the administration of city affairs, and at each election there has been a desperate struggle for the mastery, sometime resulting in flagrant breaches of the peace and proceedings of a riotous character.

Some days ago an election was held for four aldermen, and there was more than the usual effort by both parties to secure a majority in the Council. Mayor Bowman claimed to have been successful, but the seats of two of his friends were contested, and although they obtained certificates of election, the old members of the Council, by persisting in baving the right to decide the qualifications of new members, prevented the Council from organizing, and until yesterday prevented any legislation. There is a Metropolitan Police in East St. Louis, and the Board of Police Commissioners are opposed to Mayor Bowman. To meet this condition of things Bowman appointed a large force of Deputy City Marshals, and yesterday took foreible possession of the Council Cham ber, and evidently intended to carry things with chamber. A strong force of Metropolicans under Commissioner Hicze, was on hand in and around the Council Chamber, and a desperate fight occurred between them and the Mayor's Marshals, in which clubs and billies were freely used and numerous pistols draws, but none of the latter were discharged. There was also an immense amount of pummeling with fists done, resulting in many black eyes and bloody noses, but no one, so far as can be learned, was seriously hurt in the melee. The anti Bowman Aldermen got into the room after the fight was over, and comparative peace was

William C. B. Teller, who recently abscond-American National Bank, has been captured in Cough Syrup, for its timely use has saved his Margaret C. Gilkeson, reliet of the late Was.

Montreal with his ill gotten gains. ed from Detroit with \$12,000 belonging to the

Rews of the Day. James Wallace, a leading merchant of New Orleans, committed suicide yesterday. The only reason assignable for the act is that he be came suddenly insanc. He had been unwell for some four or five days, but took a ride that morning and came home feeling better. Call ing in a servant he went to his room and began to pack away some winter clothes, when he suddenly ssized a small dirk knife and stabbed himself in the throat. His servant, who was much attached to his master, seized him and a desperate struggle ensued, but, as Mr. Wallace was very powerful, he threw him off and con tinued stabbing himself until he tell to the floor pierced with nearly a dozen wounds inflicted by his own hands. His sister in law, attracted by his servant's cries, rushed into the room during the struggle, but was unable to prevent the tragedy.

Ferry, O., a small village one mile above Wheel- during the war. The bill appropriates \$65,000 ing, went out in a light pleasure boat for the purpose of rowing on the Ohio river, and by some accident the hoat was swamped, and three buildings, and most earnestly and ably advoof the young men. Milligan, McKim and Crowl, were drowned. By the efforts of one of the young men, James Greer, one of the party, was saved, while an other swam to the shore and gave the alarm. Parties began searching for the bodies of the three drowned men, and continued seining the river until late this evening without having been successful in finding them. Business in the village was suspended during the early part of the day.

Another train robbery occurred on the Texas Pacific Railroad at Mesquite Station, in prosecuting this claim. thirteen miles east of Dallas, last Wednesday night. The train was stopped at the depot, and the engineer and fireman were taken from the engine and placed under guard. The express messenger and route agent barricaded themselves in their car, but the robbers saturated it with coal oil and set fire to it and forced democratic side of the House a good deal now them out. The express and mail were then a days. plundered. Conductor Alford and two of the robbers were then wounded. The plundering party cumbered fifteen or twenty. The passengers were not molested.

The Secretary of the Tresury and the members of the last syndicate have entered into an that the non communicant members of a agreement for the sale, for resumption purposes, church were better judges of what was of \$50,000,000 United States 41 per cent, fifteen Gospel preaching than the members themselves, year bonds at par and accrued interest, and 11

per month during the balance of the year. The sale of 4 per cent, bonds will be continued by the Treasury Department, as heretofore, upon the terms and conditions of the last circular, and | bill to repeal the resumption act was considered the proceeds will be applied to the redemption and it was decided to take a vote in committee of the 6 per cent. 5 20 bonds.

The Illinois Democratic Convention met yesterday at Springfield, adopted a platform, and nominated E. L. Cronkrite, of Stephenson, for State Treasurer and P. M. Etter, of McLean, present incumbent, for Superintendent of Public Instruction. A sudden scene of confusion was created by a resolution complimenting Representative Springer for voting in favor of General Shields for Doorkeeper, in the midst of which an adjournment was carried.

The proprietors of Caufield's jewelry store in Baltimore have published a card in which they say the recent arrest of Mrs. Aspold, of Annapolis, upon suspicion of being connected with the loss of diamond rings at their store, has caused them deep regret and declaring their conviction of her entire innocence.

The Oregon State Democratic Convention nominated the following ticket yesterday:-Congress, John Whitaker; Governor, W. W. Thayer; Secretary of State, Thomas G. Reames; State Treasurer, A. H. Brown; State Printer. A. Noetner; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Joseph Emery.

Ten million feet of lumber, thirteen thousand | in Alexandria, and will give one matinee and barrels of salt, a planing mill and thirty other buildings were burned yesterday at Detroit, originating in a spark from a passing tugboat. The less is estimated at \$200,000.

The United States Postal Commission, including Postmaster General Key, arrived at Havana yesterday in good health and spirits. The party numbers thirty-five persons, including members of the press.

# Personalities in the House.

During the discussion of the pension bill in the House, yesterday,

Mr. Hauna, of Indiana, replying to some remarks made by Mossrs. Chittenden and Hew it, of New York, and Sparks, of Illinois, to the effect that he opposed the bill because he (Happa) was a friend of the Indiapapolis Pension Agent, said that the telephone by which he spoke was that of more than twenty thousand pensioners of Indianapolis, who would be wronged and robbed by the passage of this bill. They would be robbed of their pittances by shysters around Indianapolis and Washington. The bill would be in the interest of the

bankers and business men of New York, who hoped to bave the thirty eight milion dollars (annually paid for pensions) transferred to the depositories in New York. He had been accused of opposing the bill through mercenary motives. Talk about mercenary motives, said he, when this bill is to bring the \$38,000,000 into the banks of New York, and is but another means of making the West and South tributaries to New York-he could find mercenary motives there, if he desired. As to the remarks of the gentleman from Illinois, (Mr. Sparks) groveling.

Mr. Sparks-To what remark does the gen-

tleman refer? Mr. Hanna (not noticing the interruption) went on to criticize the Committee on Appropriations because, pursuing a peculiar policy, it had refused to make appropriation for necessary clerk hire in the Surgeon General's Office, and now that the committee proposed to subject the two hundred thousand pensioners to the same niggardly policy which prevented the administration of public justice, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Sparks) had attempted to raise a party feeling on this question. God forbid that the democratic party, low as it was, should sink so low as to be controlled by party

Mr. Sparks said that he had simply referred to the fact that the gentleman from Indiana | including life size automata and number | see represented a pension agency district, and was therefore naturally prejudiced against the bill portable steam engine. A beautiful fountain abolishing pension agencies; for, saying that he of water will cool the atmosphere of the many had been attacked by the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. Hanna) like a Texas bull [laughter, ] he denied having drawn politics into the debate, and therefore the statement made by the gentleman from Indiana to that effect was not warranted and was not a fact, and that was about solidate at the St. Charles Hotel, at 12 noon the way to put it. [Laughter.]

feeling on a question of this kind. [Laughter.]

Mr. Chittenden, of New York, in reply to Mr. Hanna, stated that he had no more to do to the canvas, in their beautiful Chasseur uniwith the banks of New York than that gentle. forms. man had-not a bit-and every word, every syllable, every letter of his in regard to those banks was as applicable to that gentleman as to has been respited. himself. In regard to the statement that this bill would rob the pensioners, there was not a word of sense or truth in it-its all bosh.

Mr. Hanna rose to reply, but was interrupted by Mr. Sparks, who asked whether Mr. W. HENSON, St., in the 75th year of his age Hanna's law partner was not the Pension Agent at Indianapolis. | Laughter. |

Mr. Hanna (excitedly)-I will answer, that,

sir, and I will say that my law partner fought

through the war from the first to the last, and fought when you did not. [Laughter.] Mr. Sparks (equally excited)-I want dis tiggtly to state that your law partner is the Pecsion Agent at Indianapolis. I know it and I can prove it, and that's what the matter with

Hanna. | Loud laughter and applause. |

From Washington. SPECIAL TO THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12 SENATE.

The Senate was not in session to-day having adjourced yesterday till Monday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. In the House of Representatives after the reading of the journal, the bill to reinstate Capt Geo. A. Armes to his rank in the regular arms was taken up and after some discussion passed A large number of private bills were reported from committees and placed on the calendar and one or two bills concerning Western reserve

vations passed. The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the private calendar and took up the bill to reimburse the College of William and Yesterday evening six young men of Martin's Mary in Virginia, for buildings, & ..., destroyed

Mr. Goode, of Va., recapitulated the circum stances attending the destruction of the college cated the passage of the bill, contending that the destruction of the buildings by the Federal troops was wholly unnecessary and that all considerations should induce Congress to repair the damage done. He contended that the passage of the bill would establish no precedent and that the liberal minded men of the North would hail with satisfaction the consummation of this act of justice, and that Virginia will ever gratefully remember the people of Massachu setts for the aid rendered by her representatives

Mr. Loring, of Mass., followed Mr. Goods also in advocacy of the bill.

The manner in which Butler and Cox frater nize is pleasant to behold. But ler stay- on the

The Dorkeeper has made no changes in his

force yet. An effort is being made to compel the Car tol police to wear their uniform always, who

on duty, they having become careless in the particular. Gen. Hunton bas been abseut from

in the House for a day or two, his home.

Mr. Blackburn now grander, John H.

breeches and many grander, Share in from a carbuncle. There was a protracted meeting of the San

ate Finance Committee to day, at which the on Tuesday next. The appouncement of the death in La How

street jail, in New York, this morning, of Wim. M. Tweed, was the topic of conversation at the Capitol to-day, and many regrets were expressed at the "taking off" of the "Boss." Mr. Goode's speech in the House to day in

behalf of William and Mary College was worth of the man and the subject, and, what is a very rare circumstance, the House paid him marked attention. Mr. G. is one of the finest speaker in the House and one of its ablest member -. At the conclusion of his remarks he was warm's applauded and congratulated.

Mr. Loring's speech was also a brilliant off or and was listened to with very marked attention It was a chaste and eloquent production. In the House of Representatives, vester by Mr. Hubbell introduced a bill granting a per sion to C. B. Payne, of Capt. Mallory's con pany, of Orange county, Va., militia, which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

THE BIG SHOW COMING. — Campbell's Great New York and Philadelphia Zoological and Equestrian Institute -Oa Tuesday, April 23 the first tenting exhibition of the season will be one night performance. We allude to Camp bell's Great Amusement Organization, which has been projected by practical managers dur ing the winter just passed, with a view of and ing it the master show of the season. The

Richmond Dispatch of a recent date says: All of our readers are not aware that one the most attractive amusement organizations ever exhibited under canvas has been quieth preparing in our city, and will give its first per formances on the Council Chamber Hill land corner of Ross and Fourteenth streets, on Man day, April 15th, and remain with us altogethe

six days. Campbeli's Great New York and Philade phia Zoological and Equestrian Institute is al luded to; a combination of six shows, which, heretofore, have travelled throughout the United States and the Canadas separately, but now consolidated with a view of eclipsing all competitors in magnitude, variety, and attract

The resources of the Tredegar Works hav been called into active requisition to furnish the combination with passenger and box carand passenger coaches to transport it through the country. A small army of painters and decorators have been busily at work properly adorning them and emblazoning on their panel the title of the show. Entirely new wardrobes banners, and costumes have been fashioned involving an outlay of over \$10,000. Agents have been busy collecting and purchasing living specimens of the wonders of the brute creation. which, not including the elephants, dromeda ries, camels, and other led animals, will be ear gregated in fifty three iron ribbed dens, and will constitute the menagerie department. The circus, it is promised, will be unexer

tionable in all its appointments and fittions. and will embody some of the best equestrian and gymnic talent. The management have not been niggardly with their capital. They we that by offering the most liberal salaries they have been successful in securing a corps of made and female arrists unequalied in their several specialties. Many povenies will be introdued into the ring, and faces entirely new to this country will make their first bow to an Ameri can public at the opening performance in this city. Old time and recognized favorites have not been forgotten, but will appear in entires new acts and features.

The museum department will be found to contain a number of curious objects. Many of them will be on exhibition for the first time. mechanical figures, propelled by a practical pavilions. Comfortable opera chairs will be furnished to those who desire them. A great street parade will take place on the merning of the days of exhibition, at 10 o'clock; the mu-ic to be furnished by two bands, which will conafter the parade, and, under the leadership of Professor Gene Luther, will march from thenes

Jack Kehoe, one of the Molly Maguires, who was to have been hanged on the 18th install.

DIED.

April 1, 1878, of protracted illness, at his late residence, in Fauquier county, Va., George A highly esteemed, honorable and useful call zen, having lived over three score and ten years, raised a large family, all of whom he supported and schooled without any aid save his own exertions, and left not a cent of 10 debtedness unpaid. May his ashes rest to peace, theu well door, good and faithful servant.

In Baltimore, on Wednesday, the 10th of April, 1878, ROBERTA, wife of Gawin C. Talas ferro, in the 321 year of her age.

One of our most estimable citizens may be Departed this life on Saturday, the 6th intethankful for the introduction of Dr. Bull's at her late residence in Augusta county, Mrs.